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GROWTH OF LOCAL 890 TOLD IN NEW BOOKLET ISSUED BY TEAMSTERS

The following history of Warehousemen and Teamsters' Union 890 of Salinas is reprinted from a new booklet issued by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and entitled "Who Are the Teamsters?" Copies of the booklet are available at offices of Local 890. The article follows:

Here is the story of one of the Teamster unions—Local 890. Even in its relatively short history, you can see the union tradition come alive. And it lived even though it was confronted with a strong and unbending hatred of unions, an attitude that in years past had stopped at nothing to disrupt and break the unions. Scattered over the years were attempts to organize only to be frustrated by the bitter antagonism of the growers and packers.

Yet, in the heart of a region where this anti-union attitude was strong, the Fruit and Produce Drivers, Warehousemen and Employees Union, Local 890 was chartered by the International Union on August 5, 1943. It had a bare handful of members and only one contract.

Within three years, Local 890 has grown to a union of some 2,000 members, with nearly 80 contracts with its employers. Its membership includes drivers of produce trucks and harvesting equipment, men and women employed in canneries, frozen food plants, dehydrators, the entire ice industry and seed and bean warehouses, liquor houses, and building materials warehouses in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties.

Local 890 has grown, too, in more than numbers. Its growth can be measured by its achievements in improving wages and working conditions of its members. Wages have been increased as much as 100 per cent and shorter hours, vacations with pay, and many other improved working conditions have been established for its members. It has established a sickness, disability and death benefit fund to provide its members with even greater economic protection.

PIONEERED PREMIUM PAY

Local 890 has pioneered in establishing premium pay for night work—previously almost unheard of in agricultural processing. In its earliest contracts, it achieved 10 per cent premium pay for employees on night shifts—a precedent that has led to its introduction generally in canneries and allied processing establishments.

It has maintained consistently—and works toward the goal—that women are entitled to equal pay for equal work. Through the preferential employment clauses in its contracts, Local 890 is able to channel job opportunities through its office, thereby increasing its members' economic security through increased chances for jobs.

Behind these achievements stands an organization which is uniquely fitted to achieve such goals and, having gained them, to move on to higher goals.

DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION

It is a democratic organization. Its officers are elected by secret ballot. Working agreements are decided by a majority vote. All issues of importance are decided by the membership after discussion and by a majority vote.

It is an organization founded on the common interests of its members. It believes that neither color, creed, race nor sex should interfere with a man's or woman's right to a decent and comfortable living.

It believes its members must be kept informed in order to keep it alert to its job. Its members receive The International Teamster, a monthly magazine; the Monterey County Labor News, the Canner Reporter (in which Local 890 publishes a weekly column).

Still another basic belief on which Local 890 acts is that it is a useful member of the communities in which it lives and works and must, therefore, be concerned with many activities which go outside the union hall or the plant. Perhaps the best evidence of the union's interest in its communities is to be found in the list of committees which it maintains. (These indicate clearly, too, how extensive are the activities of the union.)

Some of its committees are: veterans, anti-discrimination, entertainment and recreation, promotion and civic affairs, child welfare, sports, and education.

It works, as this list of committees suggests, toward building a better community in the same way it works toward building a better job: both are designed to promote the welfare of its members.

It was the union's concern with its members' welfare that led it to institute its sick and death benefits. Each member pays into the Sick and Death Fund \$1 per month and, in return, is entitled to these benefits:

BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

1. The payment of \$25 per week

for a period not to exceed 10 weeks in case of illness or disability.

2. In the event of death, \$250 will be paid to his beneficiary or dependents.

Since it was started in 1944, the fund has paid out roughly \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year. In spite of this outlay, the fund is continuing to grow and is in sound financial condition.

One of the union's ambitions is, in the near future, to extend the protection of the fund to the member's family as well as to the member himself.

Of course, an organization of this scope does not run on air. It requires money and it is the members' money which keeps it functioning. Each member pays dues of \$2 per month. Here is what happens to it:

30 cents to the International Union.

21 cents to the State Council of Cannery Unions.

10 cents to the Western Warehousemen and Produce Council.

10 cents to the Salinas Central Labor Council.

5 cents to the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7.

4 cents to the Western Conference of Teamsters.

4 cents to the California State Federation of Labor.

Thus, 84 cents of each member's dues go toward the support and financing of his International Union, the Western Conference, the state and local labor movements. Since Local 890 is part of a large and broad movement, among the Teamster unions and among organized labor generally, its contributions help to maintain these ties and support their broader activities.

THE TOTAL RESULT

The total result of the principles and procedures which guide Local 890 is simply effective protection for you—the individual member. It provides you an opportunity—unobtainable in any other way—to have a say in fixing your wages and hours and working conditions. Combining the strength of employees through an industry or plant, it enables you to protect and improve those conditions.

It protects you against exploitation on the job, provides machinery through which your grievances and your complaints can be heard and remedied. It links you with the broad strength of the International Union and the labor movement and makes it possible for you to draw on expert and professional services to support you in your efforts to improve your conditions. It provides you with increased opportunities for jobs by channeling job opportunities through your union.

OPERATES FOR YOUR WELFARE

It operates, in short, for the welfare of the men and women on the job, to secure you a higher standard of living, to protect you in the gains you are able to make, to enable you to make still further advances.

The local union is the spearhead of the union. It meets the day-to-day problems, deals specifically with wages and working conditions, fights the frontline battles. Local 890 is an important and specific example of what can be done.

Insurance Fraud Brings Fines of Over \$2 Million

Jefferson City, Mo. Fines totaling \$2,090,000 were levied against 122 of the nation's largest stock fire insurance companies when the Missouri Supreme Court found the firms guilty of seeking a fraudulent settlement in a case involving the late Kansas City political boss, Tom Pendergast.

The fines ranged from \$10,000 to \$132,000, based on the amounts paid by the companies to the late Charles Street, Chicago insurance executive who allegedly bribed Pendergast and a confederate, R. E. O'Malley, to obtain favorable settlement of a litigated insurance rate case. Both O'Malley and Pendergast were imprisoned in 1939 for failing to pay income tax on the bribe money.

The law suit grew out of a settlement of an impounded \$10 million, which represented overcharges by the companies on fire insurance policies in Missouri. Street allegedly bribed O'Malley and Pendergast to arrange payment of 20 per cent of the \$10 million to policy holders, with the company pocketing the rest.

Laborers Wage Body to Meet In S. F. Monday

The Northern California Council of Laborers has named a special negotiations committee to meet with employers on pay increases. It was announced last week. A meeting was called for Monday in San Francisco.

Among those named to the committee are J. B. McGinley, business agent of Salinas Laborers 272, and William Bonar, business agent of San Jose Laborers 270.

Small Sardines, Anchovies Found For Monterey

Fishing boats were still failing to find the elusive sardines last week while Monterey's sardine season fell further and further into the depths.

However, Fish Cannery Workers Union officials reported, a load of small sardines for fancy pack was brought in for the Hovden plant while California Packing Corp. was packing anchovies.

The poor season in Monterey, worst in its history, was without explanation as the close (February 15) neared, union officials said. In southern ports the sardine catch was setting new records.

Labor Council At Monterey Elects Jan. 21

Annual elections of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at Monterey are scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, President E. D. McCutcheon reported last week.

First nominations last week found McCutcheon and Secretary Wayne Edwards without opposition for re-election, and Archie Grieco, delegate from the Barbers Union, nominated without opposition for vice-president.

Further nominations may be made the evening of election, McCutcheon said.

Easton Tells Plan to Resign BTC Agent Post

Floyd O. Easton, business representative of the Monterey County Building Trades Council for the past five months, announced last week that his resignation would be turned into the Council at this week's meeting, effective January 16th.

Easton said his wife is ill and he plans to leave this area for a more healthful climate for her. He said he had no plans for the future.

Thompson Again Barber Secretary

A. H. Thompson, former secretary-treasurer of Barbers Union 896 of Monterey prior to his extended trip to Northern California two years ago, has been returned to this post by the union membership.

Thompson, who now resides at 1177 Fifth Street, Monterey, is employed at the San Carlos Hotel Barber Shop.

Paul Mercurio is union president now, following recent union elections.

Butchers Sign Filipino Stores In Salinas Area

All Filipino meat markets have been signed to union contracts by Butchers 506, E. L. Courtwright, business agent in the Salinas area for the union, reported last week.

This makes the Salinas area practically 100 per cent union for butchers, he added.

Markets signed were the Valley, Lake and P.I. and the two others, Sunrider and Gong's, had signed contracts earlier, Courtwright said.

Painter Official Of Monterey III

Charles Hayes, financial secretary of Painters 272 of Monterey, has been confined to a hospital in Salinas with a lingering illness, Business Agent Robert Estes of the union reports.

John Montague, a member of the union who has been ill in a hospital, has returned home where he is convalescing, Estes said.

Portal Claims Cover Varied Labor Duties

Washington, D. C. Time spent in more than two dozen activities often unrecognized as actual working assignments may be used in the seeking of millions in back wage claims under the Supreme Court's "portal-to-portal pay decision" in the Mt. Clemens case. This was revealed when The Bureau of National Affairs here issued a special analytical report on the problem.

Included in the list of activities are such functions as riding from home to a plant, parking a car, walking from plant gates to job stations, running errands, making supervisory and survey trips, changing clothes, washing up, collecting tools, adjusting machinery, throwing switches, opening windows, standing in line waiting for assignments, preparing time-sheets and reports, attending meetings, treating injuries, undergoing physical examinations, lunching on duty, taking a rest period, punching a time clock, and taking training courses.

The tests which will be applied in each case are detailed in the special BNA report, which also includes information on how back wage suits will be brought, sample claims and petitions, data on settlement of claims out of court, plus the text of the Mt. Clemens decision and other pertinent regulations and opinions.

The 134-page report was compiled by BNA's large staff of labor information specialists.

Cafe Signed, Work Better In Monterey

The T. & L. Cafe at Del Monte Avenue and Washington Street in Monterey was signed to a contract by Culinary-Bartenders 483 last week, Secretary Pearl Robinson of the union announced.

Meanwhile, she added, employment of union members is continuing to improve with the current changes in ownership and new policies providing more jobs.

Salinas Unions Called to Form Building Trades

Another effort was to be made this week to form a Building Trades Council for the Salinas area, according to George Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925. A meeting was called for all business agents of building crafts at Carpenters Hall on Tuesday, Harter said, at which formation of such a group was to be discussed.

DEER ILL

John W. Deer, business representative for Boxmakers Union 3034 and for Laundry Workers Union 258 of Salinas, was confined to his home with a severe cold last week.

Deer had attended a state conference for laundry workers at Fresno on January 3 and 4 and became ill shortly after his return.

S.M. Thomas Under Knife

S. M. Thomas, business agent of Laborers 690 of Monterey, was to enter a Monterey hospital this week for a minor operation, he announced last week.

Thomas said he expected to be off the job for about two weeks.

CORRECTION

In last week's Labor News the name of Richard ("Dick") Rial was unintentionally misspelled. This paper regrets the error. Bro. Rial (spelled with an "i" but pronounced "real") is new business agent for Monterey Carpenters Union 1825.

Patman Backs Cash For Terminal Leave

Washington, D. C. A bill to make enlisted men's terminal leave pay bonds redeemable in cash was introduced in the House by Rep. Wright Patman (D., Tex.).

WATCHMAN.... What of the Night?

By KASPAR BAUER

General Organizer, Butchers' International Union
Secretary-Representative, Santa Cruz Butchers' 266
"Is not life ever coming back to normal again?" shouts one nationally known radio commentator.

It is a question and he has no answer: back to a "normal" life—normal production—normal employment—normal prices—and normal profits.

Turn backwards—turn backwards, O time in thy flight and let us be normal again!

To go back is the cry of old men! There is no going back. We would not if we could, and could not if we would.

NEW PROBLEMS

The problems our new age is presenting to us must be faced—they must be analyzed—they must be solved. Production of economic goods and distribution of the national production are dangerously out of balance! The relationship between capitalists and workers is anything but friendly in spite of all protestations to the contrary! Indescribable confusion reigns in high places. No two groups in or outside of Congress really agree on anything, whether it be a three or four billion dollar loan to Britain or price control.

Each industrial group is willing that control over prices is all right for the other group.

Torrents of words by senators and congressmen clutter the pages of the Congressional Record. Noted newspaper correspondents and "world travelers," the oracles of radio (and soap suds) dish out their weighty and "impartial" opinions on politics, economics and tooth powder. To complete the symphony of discord the independent free press joins in to complete the bedlam.

CONFUSION EXISTS

It is truly confusion. No sooner is a committee appointed to investigate any of the scandals which have always been part and parcel of Big Business in Politics, another committee is appointed to investigate the investigator. Legislators are fearful lest, should they protest against any obviously raw deal, the other fellow may have something on "him." So silence is golden. No wonder there is a calling for a return to normal.

Was there ever a time when man did not enslave man—when men did not have to organize to wrest a decent living from the Owners of the Means of Making a living? Was there ever a time when Man did not bring death and destruction to other men? Was there ever a time when the owners of goods would not charge the consumers all that the traffic would bear—or ever a time when profits were big enough and wages small enough for employers of Labor, taking them as a whole?

What these shouters for a return to normal have in mind is a pipe dream—that once upon a time there existed a happy Utopia, where none of the evils of the present day existed and where life was one long sweet journey during which, with a loaf of bread—a jug of wine, and a "thou" or two sitting beside him, he could await a pleasant end with no atomic bombs lying around.

As to a Return to Normalcy of any kind the Poet Poe's Raven has the perfect answer, quoth the Raven: "Nevermore!"

DIVINE PATTERN

It is normal for things to germinate—to be born—grow to maturity and to pass away. It is normal for the seed to sprout and become a great redwood lasting a thousand years or two, or to be a one day fly, making the circle of life from Birth to Death within 24 hours. It is normal to be salmon—spawned in the rushing mountain stream, returning for a few seasons to the place of his birth to scatter his seed and to die—to pass on.

It is normal for Man to have his birth—his youth—followed by maturity—old age and thence to that great Realm "whence no man returneth."

The only eternal thing upon this earth is change. It is the Universal Rule, the eternal normal.

DOWN LANE OF TIME

Look down the long lane of Time and see the path strewn with the wrecks and ruins of once proud and stately civilizations—each one thought that it was the acme of perfection and sure of its permanence.

Just watch the works of men flee back to earth again. Lions and lizards prowl and crawl through (Continued on Page 2)

Taking No Chances

TEACHER: "And now, who can tell why we should always be neat and clean?"

LITTLE LIZZIE: "In case of accident, ma'am."

Bilbo Attends Last Caucus



Sen. Theodore H. Bilbo (D., Miss.) is shown conferring with Sen. John H. Overton (D., La.) and Sen. Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.) during sessions of the Senate Democratic minority bloc. On a motion of Sen. Glen D. Taylor (D., Ida.) ouster proceedings against him got underway the day Congress opened. (Federated Pictures)

Warren Stand on Medical Care, Race Bias Praised By Federation Officials

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Three significant proposals of vital interest to labor were submitted for consideration by Gov. Earl Warren, sworn in for a second term, to the newly-organized 57th session of the state legislature.

Governor Warren recommended a state health insurance plan, the establishment of a commission to eliminate racial and economic inequality, and the creation of a state mediation board that would intervene in any labor dispute upon request by either of the two parties.

Continuing his earlier advocacy of a prepaid medical health plan, Governor Warren prefaced his remarks upon this important recommendation as follows: "When serious illness or injury strikes the house of the average Californian, the impact on the family finances results either in exhaustion of savings, heavy debt for the future, or a resort to public charity."

"MOST PRECIOUS THING"

The governor stated that the familiar principle of insurance to protect our homes and our property has been applied through normal channels of business, but that the insuring of the "most precious thing in life"—the health of our family—is not available to the citizens of the state. He insisted that this principle of insurance be applied to the health of our people and that the state must provide a system for making it available by encompassing all the working people of California. He stressed the need of the state government to take action, because plans to accomplish it otherwise are not possible of materialization, since the extent of the field will not permit private effort to average the risk involved and spread the cost.

Recalling the controversy provoked by his proposal two years ago, Governor Warren pointed out that no refutation of the need for spreading the cost of medical and hospital care through some prepayment plan had been made, and secondly, that no alternative program had been offered to accomplish the desired results. "These facts alone," he said, "justify its resubmission."

RACE DISCRIMINATION

The second important proposal was the establishment of a Commission on Political and Economic Equality to investigate, study and report to the legislature and to the governor, conditions causing racial discrimination and the victimization of workers because of their religious conviction and national origin. In New York state, prior to the establishment of the Fair Employment Practices Commission, a similar commission also existed. In the state of Massachusetts such a body has also been created, marking a progressive step toward eliminating racial hatred and discrimination.

At the last session of the state legislature Governor Warren submitted a similar proposal, which was defeated. He also pointed out that when the people voted down Proposition No. 11 in the last election, they had withheld their approval from a measure which they considered unworkable, but they did not intend to oppose any tangible effort to eliminate discrimination so far as is humanly possible.

The governor's third proposal is to make it possible for the state to offer its services more readily as a mediator and conciliator in local labor disputes upon the request of either party to a dispute. Under Section 65 of the State Labor Code, the state can mediate only when all parties to a dispute so request. The governor recommended that this section be amended so that any party to a dispute can engage the services of the state to conciliate or mediate.

The governor emphasized that the major effort of the state should be to promote "free collective bargaining and the avoidance of a war of legislation between management and labor." Such a policy paid dividends during the war, he pointed

The Federation will support wholeheartedly the Governor's recommendation that a revolving fund be made available for use by the Department of Finance to purchase this material for resale to Federation, together with the veterans. In the meantime, the American Federation of Labor is doing and will continue to press the federal government for action to overcome the present confusion resulting from the federal government's failure to consummate the building program originally initiated by then housing expeditor Wyatt.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

GREY MATTER—OR DEPRESSION?

One of our best-known independent economists, Stuart Chase, sticks his neck out in an article in the current "This Month" to predict a "deflation" before many months of 1947 have gone by. Mr. Chase says that this deflation "may make 1932 look like Bingo night. We might have up to 20 million unemployed. . . . Depression is heading north like a hurricane out of the Caribbean, unless something is done to deflect its course." Mr. Chase seems to be of the same opinion as Roger Babson, who predicted the 1929 crash and panic, and some 70 other non-government economists.

Just why we should have a spring "shakeout," followed later by a major depression, is a puzzle to us. Everybody wants to work and everybody wants to spend money. That being the case, why shouldn't there be full employment and permanent prosperity?

It is true, as Chase points out, that the most disturbing thing about the present situation is the "current economic paradox of rising prices and sinking stock market." The stock market is a barometer which generally records the "low pressure" before the storm. The American people have a savings backlog of something like \$75 billion, but most of this is held by the rich few at the top. These people in the top brackets are not going to spend their major share of the \$75 billion for consumer goods; what they are looking for is more places to invest it at a handsome return. The queer behavior of the stock market, despite enormous national business volume, would indicate that such investment capital is cautious and hesitant.

Of course, we go through these "cycles" (alternating prosperity and depression—or "boom-bust") about every 14 years. The last depression, however, was more serious and more protracted. As a matter of fact, we do not know for sure whether we ever got out of that depression. After the Roosevelt administration took over, the situation was eased with government "distress money" on the principle of tax and spend. Even with this we never reached the national income of the pre-crash year of 1929. Then came preparation for war and our participation in that war. Our upswing since 1933-34 has in very small measure been attributable to private enterprise; it has been mainly due to government spending and government "interference." The tremendous production of our war years was a planned-economy job, with Uncle Sam running the show and doing most of the financing. All this being true, how do we know (insofar as private-enterprise capitalism is concerned) that we ever got out of the depression?

Consider also the fact that, in proportion as we seemingly climbed out of the slough of depression, our public debt mounted staggeringly. In 1929 that public debt was only a few billions; today it has reached the astronomical total of about \$300 billion. (We don't know what private indebtedness amounts to, but the interest on the public debt must amount at present to between \$6 and \$7 billion annually.)

We are not rash enough to stick our necks out about any coming "recessions" or "depressions." We'll leave that to the professional economists who are as often wrong as they are right. But of one thing we are certain: *We will never eliminate these periodic "cycles" (with all the tragedy they bring in human suffering) until, as a society, we set out to war on poverty as we warred against Hitler.* And that means that we can't leave our machinery of production and distribution entirely in the hands of individuals who put private profit above general welfare. This is not a plug for full-fledged socialism, but it is an advocacy of a consultative partnership of capital, labor, and government to plan for full production and full employment, with government taking the initiative in such planning and providing the wherewithal when private capital falls short.

Instead of shuddering at the thought of the "next depression," we ought to be getting on with the job of preventing it, for the time may be growing later than we think. Depressions are not visitations from God but man-made things. They are not, as the lugubrious economists of the classical school contend, inevitable. Any people which has the grey matter to reach into the microcosm and release shattering bursts of nuclear power ought to be smart enough to lick this boom-and-bust business. Or are we?

THE BRITISH TAKE STOCK

Significant thing about that "vote of confidence" in the Attlee-Bevin foreign policy in the British Parliament recently is this: 160 of the nearly 400 Labor members of Parliament abstained from voting, but all of the 104 Tory members supported that policy. If this is not conclusive proof that the foreign policy of Bevin has been right down the alley of the very imperialist crowd whose cupidity and stupidity did so much to bring on World War II, we don't know what is!

GIGGLES AND GROANS

NOT RESPONSIBLE

Tony's wife had just died, and he made such an outcry that the physician had to give him a shot of morphine to keep him quiet. Next morning his brother-in-law tip-toed into Tony's room, and found the bereaved husband disporting himself with one of the maids.

"My Lord, Tony," he cried, "poor Lena not even buried yet, and you gotta carry on like this?"

"Tony paused only long enough to answer: 'Go away! Can't you see I'm wild wit' grief? I don't know what I'm doing!'"

A VERBAL MIXUP

The man's wife didn't feel so good. Being a devoted husband, he sent her to Dr. Goldberg. An hour later, she came back, crying. "The doctor says I got tuberculosis! He says I'm gonna die yet!" She was a fat woman, and her husband didn't believe she had T.B., so he went over to see the doctor himself.

"Lissen, Doc, what did you mean tellin' my woman she's got tuberculosis, and must go and die yet?"

The physician laughed. "I told her nothing of the kind," he said. "What I said was, she's got too big a tokus, and must go on a diet!"

FRONTIER CHIVALRY

A veteran actor, early in his vaudeville career, was doing one-night stands through the broad, open West. He stopped over at a picturesque but primitive little town and headed for the town's one and only saloon for prodigious refreshment and to observe the local characters. After a few alcoholic shots, he found it necessary to ask the bartender to direct him to the men's room.

"Oh," said the bartender, "we ain't got none o' them fancy fixins out hyar, podner." Instead he led the actor to the rear door and pointed outside to two holes dug in the ground alongside each other.

The actor had been gone but a few minutes when there was a profane uproar punctuated by "Yippees!" and pistol shots. The rear door burst open to admit the frightened actor.

"Funny about that thar shootin'," said the bartender. "Which one o' them holes did you go to?"

The actor replied that he had selected the north one.

"Well, no wonder you was shot at!" exploded the bartender. "Why, podner, you was in the place reserved for the ladies!"

THE WAGES OF SIN

When the teacher asked little Johnnie how he enjoyed Easter Sunday, he came across with the following tale:

"Pop and Mom painted some real pretty Easter eggs for sis and me, and then hid them in the hen house so we wouldn't find them. About that time, Joe, our rooster, came along and took one look, dashed over the fence into the next yard and kicked the hell out of the peacock over there."

HE WAS ALL EARS

BABY CORN: "Where did I come from, mama?"

MAMMA CORN: "Hush, darling, the stalk brought you."

REVERSE ILLUSION

HE—Drinking makes you beautiful.

SHE—But I don't drink.

HE—But I do.

THE PLOT THICKENS

Rastus was coming home late at night, and started up the stairs, but much to his dismay, one of the steps creaked and as he hesitated, he heard his wife say, "Who dat?"

He didn't answer, but waited a few seconds, and then started up again and in two or three more steps, another creaked.

This time a male voice said, "Who dat?"

This was too much for Rastus, and he called out, "Who dat say dat second 'Who dat?'"

NOT THAT BROAD

A wealthy client insured her valuable wardrobe while traveling in Europe. Upon reaching London, she found an article missing and immediately cabled her broker in New York: "Gown lifted in London." Her broker replied, after due deliberation:

"What do you think our policy covers?"

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

FIRST GIRL—I had to change my seat several times in the movies.

SECOND GIRL—Gracious, did a man get fresh?

FIRST GIRL—Yes . . . finally.

PREMATURE PROPOSAL

FIRST BRIDE: "Does your husband snore in his sleep?"

SECOND BRIDE: "I don't know yet, we've only been married 3 days."

Laurels Up Front

When Hearst and Roy Howard finally got the U. S. into a war with Russia, we suggest they be permitted to be the first Unknown Dead of World War III in honor of their efforts.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



A GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT, by Louis G. Silverberg. Published by the U. S. Department of Labor, Division of Labor Standards, Washington 25, D. C. Price 15c. (NOTE: A 25 per cent discount is allowed on orders of 100 or more.)

In these days when leading Tory Republican and poll-tax Democrat congressmen are talking about emasculating the NLRA, it is well to take stock of the Act as it has been functioning in the last decade. This booklet is not a piece of propaganda by the Labor Dept. or by the NLRB, but an excellently prepared statement of what the Act provides and how it is applied and enforced. A lot of people who talk about the National Labor Relations Act (Wagner Act) don't know what's in it.

A lot of things have been blamed on the Labor Relations Board, and there are many instances where even unions have complained about Board decisions. But the Board, after all, is manned by human beings who, like the rest of us, can make mistakes. In my opinion, however, the Act remains what it was called at the time of its adoption—"Labor's Magna Charta." If this Act were abolished or badly weakened we would have ten times the industrial strife we now have, and rival unions—now battling for control through democratic elections—would be battling for jurisdiction by the "goon" method.

Employers say that the Act gives labor "too much power." That is silly. What they mean is that the Act enforces the principle of democratic choice of collective bargaining agency without duress by the employer. What's wrong with that? We've gone through the old days of "yellow dog contracts," firings for union activity, the "blacklist," and we don't want any more of them.

This fine booklet covers such topics as "How to Obtain Exclusive Bargain Rights," "How to

Remedy Unfair Labor Practices," "How the Board Has Rule in Unfair Labor Practice Cases," and many others. Every union worker should have some idea of how this law operates, and it would be a good idea for union officers to order a supply for distribution to the membership—or at least have a few on hand for reference and study.

Meantime, remember that a strong attempt will be made by the new Congress to gut the NLRA. First move will be—not to repeal it, but to weaken it and to make administration ineffective by drastically cutting appropriations for the Board. Don't lose any time in wiring your congressmen and senators to retain the Act. Better still, demand greater appropriations so that the Board can attend more quickly to the growing backlog of cases and complaints.

—AL SESSIONS.

Pocket Book News

With the death last month of Damon Runyon, the U. S. lost its greatest reporter. Various collections of Runyon stories in four Pocket Book issues (25c) have been sold to 2,369,098 people, the firm reports.

During the recent holiday season, Pocket Books issued six of its \$25c releases that make an excellent assortment for a total of \$1.50. They are "The Stephen Vincent Benet Pocket Book," "Nana," classic novel by Emile Zola; "The Pocket Atlantic," including some of the best recent contributions on timely subjects from the Atlantic Monthly; "The Peter Arno-Pocket Book," over a hundred of Arno's famed rowdy cartoons; "The Covered Wagon," western classic by Emerson Hough; "Death On the Aisle," another in the Mr. and Mrs. North mystery-comedy series, by Frances and Richard Lockridge. —A. E. S.

IT'S A LIE!

By MARTY SOLOW

When American publishers sing a song of "free press," they inevitably point to the New York Times as one of the sturdiest examples of that "free press" in the U. S. However a study of the Times indicates that like 99 per cent of the press, it slants and colors the news or lies outright in favor of Big Business and reaction. Here's the proof:

On December 15 the Times stoutly said: "If industry profits are too high, and we don't know that they are . . ." Let's stop right there.

The Times is lying when it says it doesn't know that industry profits are too high. Almost daily its financial pages publish reports of the fantastic profits industry is rolling up. Both government and business figures to date show that business will enjoy a fabulous profit of \$15.5 billion AFTER taxes, for 1946.

That's more than four times the average profit-taking during the 1936-39 pre-war period and more than \$5 billion over the highest war-profit (geering) year.

Many people never go further than headlines and the New York Times often takes advantage of this reader carelessness. On December 19 it headlined a story: "40 LOSS-\$50,000,000 FOR WEST-INGHOUSE."

That headline was as phony as a \$3 bill. Buried deep in the story was the fact that after tax re-

covery under the excess profits tax law, the "company's net income in the first 11 months of this year was . . . \$4,411,481."

Any time you "lose" \$50 million and end up more than \$4 million ahead you're doing OK.

Top honors for the biggest piece of fakery for the year rest with the New York Times. On December 12 it printed four pictures purporting to show present Soviet munitions factories. These ostensible inside views were labeled as directly from "BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN."

But these "hot" shots fizzled out when the newspaper PM revealed that these very same pictures were distributed at the height of the war in 1944 by Sovfoto, U.S.S.R. photo agency, and that other publications, among them Business Week, had published them.

When a PM reporter asked if the Times would tell its readers about the "mistake," a Times spokesman said "No."

Sign on road near a Kansas town: "Slow down before you become a statistic."

Watchman.... What of the Night?

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the ruins of ancient Kings.

The old man thinks of the scenes of his childhood. In Rags and Barefooted, how happy he was and how little it took to make him happy! Time has taken from his mind the sharp edge of all childhood's woes and cares. Forgotten the Rod, the Schoolteacher and the three "E's."

Backward—turn backward—O time in thy flight!

In his head he knows the answer—Nevermore.

So let us leave the old men—whether they be 16 or 60. We have a world to live in and with and we have a great, beautiful World. A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Some of us even talk about the good old days. Well, we do not want to live like great-grandma did. Just think of it, less than one hundred years ago there was NOT A POUND OF COAL burned in this country. NO IRON STOVES were used—and just about that time, Doctor Franklin invented an IRON FIREPLACE which still bears his name. What a comfort that invention brought to mankind! You had to start a fire in the good old days by striking together two flint rocks. You didn't have friend gas or electricity at your fingertips, nor did we have matches. We burned PINE KNOTS or TALLOW CANDLES throughout the long winter nights for light. NO LAMPS had as yet been thought of. We had NO RUGS OR CARPETS ON OUR FLOORS.

In the good old days the water we drank was NOT PURIFIED and too often we had epidemics of TYPHOID. We had NO CIGARETTES to quiet our jittery nerves. Only ONE ROOM in any house WAS WARM unless some member of the family was ill. In all the other rooms, the temperature was at ZERO during the winter when we climbed into or out of our beds. There was CHATTEL SLAVERY existing and WAGE SLAVERY much worse than in its present form. No, we don't want the good old days back; nor do we want a return to normalcy. We want better days NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

Today, both ORGANIZED LABOR and ORGANIZED CAPITAL must learn something from the lingering ghosts of the "good old days of normalcy." Both have to live together for health and light and warmth and comfort. Each group should not attempt to destroy the other. We may be wrong but we sincerely feel that it is difficult task to STRENGTHEN THE WEAK BY OVERWEAKENING THE STRONG. It is doubtful if we can help SMALL MEN materially by tearing down BIG MEN permanently. It is dangerous from an economic standpoint to HELP THE POOR BY UTTERLY DESTROYING THE RICH. It is dangerous also to LIFT THE WAGE EARNER UP BY PULLING THE WAGE PAYER ALL THE WAY DOWN.

We cannot further the brotherhood of man by constantly inciting CLASS HATRED. Progress has come to us poor mortals through an evolutionary process and through an instrument known as COOPERATION.

This is a nation and a world for all the people to live in and in friendship with each other. He who says it cannot be done is either a fool or the most selfish person in the world. Of course, too few have too much.

"The Federal Reserve Board has exploded the theory that the Masses of the People in the U.S. have huge Wartime savings to buy great quantities of our industrial production."

The survey shows that seven out of ten families have not accumulated enough cash to buy Autos—Radios, etc., etc. The Survey shows that 10 per cent of the families now hold 80 per cent of the wartime saving or nearly 50 billion of the 81 billion wartime wealth.

The bulk of the nation's families—the 70 per cent upon whom the country's buying power depends have only 13 billions and each of the members or one-third of this group has savings of less than \$700.

There is no use in wasting time in a recital of what happened to prices of essential foodstuffs and what is promised for the future. Ask the wife when she buys the next broom, a pillow slip or a pig's foot.

HAVE TO USE HEADS

Shall we go to bat and open up our contracts or shall we wait for that great inevitable law of Supply and Demand? Speed up production without increase in pay and watch the bottom drop out of prices.

The Americans always did love the hard way—the old Pioneering spirit, you know; but this time it is not a question of the hard way for the hands, this time we shall have to use our heads. I know that is tough, but it has to be done.

In the meantime, never forget that our strength is in our Unions. Attend your meetings—help make them strong for in them is our only salvation. MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE GREAT MEAT INDUSTRY should join the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America NOW, and all employers in the industry should ever appreciate the fine struggle it has made in the interest of all.

Living Costs Up 18 Per Cent for 1946, Says BLS

Washington, D. C.

Retail prices of living essentials for the American family rose 18 per cent during the year 1946.

That simple fact, announced December 30 by the official, conservative Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Dept. of Labor, will not be argued away by all the whys and wherefores of the employers as they face labor's New Year wage demands.

The graphic BLS summary of price trends during the first full year of peace showed that the 1946 upsurge in living costs was greater than for the years 1942-1945 combined. During the war years, there was a price control program and an administration determined to keep it working.

PEACE BREAKS OUT

During 1946 the nation was switched over to a so-called normal, peacetime system of free enterprise economy, with the following results:

Retail prices, overall—up 18 per cent, compared to 17 per cent for 1942-1945 combined.

Retail food prices—up 34 per cent, compared to 24 per cent for 1942-1945 combined.

Wholesale prices, overall—up 31 per cent, compared to 14 per cent for 1942-1945 combined.

Wholesale food prices—up 50 per cent.

POLITICS AND PRICES

A breakdown of the year's price trends shows the direct tieup between politics and prices. During the first five months, all prices rose slowly but steadily, BLS said, "to cover higher production costs or to encourage increased production. Some of these were allowed under the government's new wage-price policy to cover higher wages in such important basic industries as iron and steel and coal."

In June, as Congress debated renewal of OPA's powers and the future of price control, prices shot up more swiftly than at any other time during the year, and the top was blown off as June 30th passed with no renewal of OPA power.

From mid-June to mid-July retail prices of consumer goods and services rose 5.8 per cent; retail food prices jumped 13.8 per cent, the largest monthly increase on record. The meats and butter which had been held out for weeks appeared in the stores at inflation prices and helped raise the price level.

In July, while Congress still debated OPA's future, BLS said: "Wholesale prices increased 10.1 per cent in July, 1946—the largest monthly advance since BLS began compilation of its comprehensive index in 1890."

THE ALPINE JOURNEY

The restoration of controls on July 25 did not stop the retail climb either in foods or other commodities. The wholesale drop brought about by OPA's taking control again was made up within six weeks, and prices soared up beyond the June-July figures.

The final stage in the 1946 story was reached as President Truman succumbed to GOP and profiteer pressure and killed virtually all price control by sweeping orders in October and November. Following their issuance, BLS said: "Average prices at all levels of distribution rose to new peaks."

A slight decline in the rate of climb of prices during the last month of 1946, featured by a drop in wholesale farm products prices, indicates that consumers are not buying sky-priced goods as formerly, and that dealers are beginning to learn that fact.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

UNFAIR TAX CUT



Rep. Harold Knutson (R., Minn.) is shown at a press conference where he called for a 20 per cent "across-the-board" income tax reduction. This type of cut would greatly benefit high income categories and discriminate against low income groups. A much fairer plan is that of Sen. Glen D. Taylor (D., Ida.) who favors a graduated slash with higher percentage cuts in the lower brackets. (Federated Pictures)

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Union, January 3, 1947, was called to order at 8 p.m. by President Deer with a salute to the Flag. The roll was called and the absentees were noted. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved as read. Credentials from the Carpenters Union and the Painters Union were read and the committee examined the delegates. Motion was made by Bro. McGinley and seconded by Bro. Lara that the delegates be seated. Bro. Carl L. Ratliff from the Painters and Bro. J. Bellevue from the Carpenters were duly obligated and seated.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Barbers—Raised monthly dues from \$2 to \$2.50. New officers were elected and will hold a banquet at next meeting.

Bartenders—Bro. Balestra, secretary, was operated on but is doing fine and should be home soon.

Carpenters—Initiated two members at the last meeting.

Culinary Alliance—Will start negotiating new contract soon. Bar owners would like to have the Bartenders allowed to cook in their restaurant departments. This cannot be permitted.

Painters—New contract calls for \$1.75 per hour for brush-men and \$2 per hour for spray work. Contract was signed December 20, 1946.

Box-Makers—Initiated six new members. Assessed each member \$1 per month to help the Redwood strike. Will negotiate new contract February 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Veterans committee reports that although everyone wants a Memorial to be built, that no one can seem to agree as to where it should be situated.

Communications were read and ordered filed.

Bills were not made up so will be acted on at the next meeting. Unfinished Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Bro. Fenchel and seconded by Sister Boles that Bro. Pete Balestra be sent a suitable token of sympathy for his illness. Motion carried. The visiting committee was instructed to take care of this matter.

Financial report was given by the secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

—E. L. COURTRIGHT,
Secretary.

The meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Union was called to order January 10, 1947, by Vice President McGinley in the absence of President Deer, due to illness. Bro. Peterson of the Carpenters Union was acting vice president. The Labor News, representative of the Labor News, was introduced and stated that any news items should be left in the Laborers' office and he would be able to get them in the paper. Bro. Pedigo introduced Bro. Tony Aguillo, vice president for this district of the State Federation of Labor. Bro. Aguillo gave a report on the State Executive Board meeting held in Hollywood recently. A legislative committee was appointed and Bro. Aguillo asked the Central Labor Union to give whatever support possible to this committee. At this time Bros. Aguillo and Pedigo asked to be excused in order to be able to attend the Santa Cruz Central Labor Council meeting.

Credentials from the Bartenders Union for Bro. Marcus Barnes were read and on motion made by Sister Boles and seconded by Bro. Robertson the brother was accepted and duly obligated.

UNION REPORTS

Butchers held a very well attended meeting.

Carpenters would like to have all the unions in Salinas get together and build a Labor Temple.

Bartenders—Bro. Balestra has taken a turn for the worse and will have to undergo another operation soon.

Culinary Workers—Held a very poorly attended meeting. Unless the members will take hold and attend their meetings and attend to the business of the local it will have to stay under the supervision of the International for a while longer.

Boxmakers—Initiated three new members. Have a committee studying the contract in order to recommend any changes necessary in the new one.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter was read from the Sheet Metal Workers and ordered filed.

Weekly News Letter was ordered filed.

Letter from George Meany, Secretary of AFL, read and ordered filed.

Letter from Fresno Central Trades Council requesting several brands of wine be placed on our "We Do Not Patronize" list. Motion made by Sis. Boles and seconded by Bro. Ratliff that we do not concur in this request until the Secretary can receive more complete information. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sister Boles reported on the gift to be purchased for Bro. Balestra. Motion made by Bro. Courtwright and seconded by Bro. Barnes that flowers be sent to Bro. Balestra. Carried.

GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

A discussion was held in regards to the help we could give the work-

ers in King City in order to improve their working conditions and hours. It seems that even the women workers in King City do not even enjoy the eight hour day that is supposed to be a state law. We all hope that some day we will be able to improve the conditions in this area.

Financial report was given by the Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

E. L. COURTRIGHT,
Secretary.

The meet of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, January 7, 1947, was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of nine delegates from six locals. Regular officers present were President McCutcheon and Secretary-Treasurer Edwards.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Various communications were presented and considered.

The Bartenders reported no meeting since last report.

The Barbers reported that all is OK with them.

The Cannery Workers reported no meeting—and not many fish. They had four or five days' run last month.

The Butchers reported 48 present at their regular meeting. They now face a dispute regarding frozen meat. The union will try to stop its use. They report election of officers, and that the new officers are the best they ever had.

The Glass Bottle Blowers reported new officers elected and all OK. Nominations were made for new officers of the Council for the next six months. The following were nominated:

For president, E. D. McCutcheon; vice-president, Archie Greico; secretary, Wayne Edwards, and sergeant-at-arms, Tony Alves. The election will be held at the next meeting.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to authorize Gene Hellam to get and have framed a picture of Bud Tothammer as a memorial to the former president of the Council killed in the war.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

—WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Job Agency Runs
Mart to Exploit
Puerto Rico Men

Chicago, Ill.
An airborne slave traffic, bringing Puerto Ricans to Chicago to work for as little as 37 cents take-home pay per week, has been disclosed here.

Some 500 workers have already been imported and an additional shipment of 400 is expected. They are brought here by Castle, Barton Associates, a large Chicago employment agency, which then consigns them to employers.

Most of the Puerto Ricans are domestic workers who are hired at \$60 a month, from which is deducted a series of agency fees, airplane passage and return trip fees.

Fifty others are working for the Chicago Hardware Foundry at 88 cents an hour, but after deductions, their pay checks seldom run higher than \$5 for a full week. One worker for the week ending October 6 had only 37 cents left out of his \$33.10 pay check after deductions for "miscellaneous" items, "bond" covering substandard room and board, transportation and taxes.

The foundry workers are housed in company-owned wooden railroad cars and are forced to buy their food and work clothes at a company store.

Under the terms of a contract which the workers sign as they board the plane in Puerto Rico, they are not permitted to leave their jobs for one year. No legal action can be taken against the agency since the Puerto Ricans' gross pay is in accordance with the contract. However, some of the men have joined a steelworkers' union and picketing demonstrations have been held in front of the employment agency to protest the peonage conditions.

It's Terrifying!

The small increases in social security won by American workers terrify Ralph H. Taylor, executive secretary of the Agricultural Council of California.

"I know that social security, unemployment insurance and old age pensions are well accepted," he told a recent meeting of the state Chamber of Commerce, "but I am not prepared to accept them. I tremble when I think what will happen to our country if these things are followed through to their logical conclusions. The decay of Rome and the regime of Hitler are the end-results to be expected when we undertake to do things for the people that they ought to do for themselves."

Ducky for Drones

The great trouble with capitalism is this: those who work and so serve society are poorly paid; the plums go to those who don't work.—PANDIT NEHRU.

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The Fruit and Produce Drivers, Warehousemen and Employees Union, Local 890, will hold a special meeting at the Salinas Union High School main auditorium on Friday, January 31, at 8 p.m.

This meeting is called for the sole purpose of taking action on a new Sick and Death Benefit Plan. Cards are being mailed to all members. It is important that you attend this meeting.

Only members in good standing will be admitted to the meeting. At this meeting speakers acquainted with insurance will explain all important points so that all members will be acquainted with them. Remember the time and place—January 31st at 8 p.m. at the Salinas Union High School auditorium. TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

The 80th Congress convened in Washington, D. C. on January 3, 1947. In the election held in November of last year, the anti-labor interests were able to elect to this Congress of the United States men who are in favor of legislation of a nature that will hamstring labor and take away many gains which you have made in the last 10 years. Your union greatly feels that attempts will be made to change the Wagner Labor Relations Act, modify the Norris-La Guardia Anti-Injunction Act, make illegal job agreements, and deprive the unions of their fundamental right to strike if necessary; also to subject workers to civil suits for damages for participating in strikes, and in addition, to enact objectionable legislation similar to the notorious Case Bill, which was passed in the last session of Congress.

The union is deeply concerned with attempts of these men to do away with what has been outlined in this column. Your union asks, therefore, that you keep your congressmen posted as to your feelings and any activities which are detrimental to labor. Let them know by letter or by wire that you will be affected deeply by any anti-labor legislation which is at present before the House for consideration.

SICK BENEFITS

The following people received sick benefits this week:

Lucy Chetkovich, 170 Wall St., Watsonville; Edna Glenn, 1415 1st Ave., Salinas; Victor Kelley, Box 885, Salinas; Amy Lisenby, 130 Soledad St., Salinas; Maybelle Vandiver, 142 Sycamore Rd., Salinas; Charley Long, 1016 Pacific St., Salinas; Lillie Minchew, 221 E. Alisal St., Salinas; Woodrow Threet, 124 Front St., Watsonville; Grace Weiser, 216 Williams Rd., Salinas; Anna Rose, 460 No. Hanna St., Gilroy; Jacqueline Brown, 1115 Juana Blvd., Salinas; and Rosa Lara, 303 Park St., Salinas.

Your union is looking for a new location for the union office and meeting hall combined. Many of our members live in the Alisal district, and that district is being given much consideration for a permanent location for your union office.

RAITER CANNERY NOTES

We're glad to have Olan and Letha Hale back to work after their Christmas vacation in Oklahoma.

Josephine Silva spent Christmas in L. A. visiting her daughter and family.

We all hope Barbara had a nice time with her son, Lt. Paul Mazzuca, Jr., when he was here for the Christmas holidays.

Josephine Flores says she had a nice visit with her grandfather and uncle here from Mexico during the holidays. Her cousin, Esther Vargas, was here from L. A., too.

Santa Claus was swell this year. Bud (our union man) has a new Nash. Dorothy has a new Hudson and I (Ellen Flores) have a new home.

Democrats Will
Push Platform
In Legislature

Los Angeles, Calif.
The Democratic Party of California, so far as the coming sessions of the State Legislature are concerned, will plug for the program outlined in its platform adopted last July, announces Chairman James Roosevelt. This program, "submitted already to the Legislature and further discussed at a recent party caucus at Sacramento, includes:

Setting up of State Housing Authority to develop low rental housing; extension of rent control to commercial buildings; full employment; prepaid compulsory health insurance system; lowering of maximum old age assistance requirements to 60 and upping allotments to \$60 a month; extension of unemployment insurance; revision of the State Constitution.

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Office, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres., Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Cecil L. Bradford. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, at 8 p.m. Pres., John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Pete C. Balestra, Secretary-Business Agent; W. K. Harmon, President. Office, 117 Pajaro St. Ph. 4717.

BOXMAKERS AND SHED WORKERS 3034—Meet 1st Thursday at Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Long, 720 E. Market. Secretary, John W. Deer, 117 Pajaro St. Bus. Agt. and office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

BUTCHERS 506 (SALINAS BRANCH)—Pres., Geo. Gilbert. Fin. Sec., E. L. Courtwright, 1221 First Ave., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Exec. Sec., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters Hall, Pres., Ray Luna; Vice-Pres., I. Miller; Fin. Sec., and Bus. Agent, C. F. Harter; Treas., O. O. Little; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller. Hall and office at 422 N. Main St., phone 5721.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Carpenters Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Ray Luna, 1214 2nd Ave.; Sec., Mrs. Carolyn Darling, Rt. 2, Box 582, Watsonville.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. President, John W. Deer. Secretary, E. L. Courtwright. Office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m., and 4th Thursday, 2 p.m., at Salinas Labor Temple. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., L. E. Towle, 118 Harvest St. Rec. Secy., J. H. Ferson, 34 Felice St., phone 20302. Fin. Secy., E. R. Silk, 129 Rodeo St., phone 4539. Bus. Mgr., W. E. L., 1251 E. Alisal St., phone 7515.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., 8:30 p.m. Pres., Bruce Murdoch, P.O. Box 663; Sec., Harry Vosburgh, 404 Calif. St., phone 4972; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, P.O. Box 973, Watsonville.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF MOSS LANDING—Meets at Castroville Community Hall on the "light of the moon" each month. Office at Moss Landing, telephone Castroville 6202. George Issel, general secretary-treasurer; Leo Hettinger, Moss Landing representative.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND WAREHOUSEMEN 287—Meetings on call. Bert Compton, president; Fred Hofmann, secretary and manager; George Van Dusen, Frank Stevens and Conrag Hansen, business agent. Headquarters at 941 The Alameda, San Jose, Telephone Ballard 6315.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas. Bus. Agt. J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

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POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Wednesday of month, Room 6, P.O. Bldg., 7:45 p.m. Pres., Glen Leidig, Box 355, Carmel, phone 1186-R; Secy., E. L. Edwards, Box 2039, Carmel; Bus. Agt., Arthur Hamill, Box 6, Monterey, phone 7661.

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CARPENTER ROUNDUP

The journeymen's classes for carpenters of Local 925 of Salinas have been started by the Salinas Evening School and are open to those journeymen wishing to learn new techniques and brush up on their general training.

George R. Harter, business agent of Local 925, said classes will be each Thursday night, starting this week, in Room 55 of Salinas High School. Classes are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and the course will continue indefinitely.

Those journeymen carpenters wishing to take the course or to attend any of the classes may enroll at the classroom, Harter said.

Plans for a new county jail are being drawn by Robert Stanton, architect, and the site selected is on the Natividad Road near Salinas.

No contract has been let for the work and proposed construction date is uncertain. Union officials are submitting wage scales to the architect, Harter said.

'Little Biz' In Comeback, Says Report

Local 925 still has a supply of post cards to be sent to the U.S. Social Security Board by workers to determine the amount they have paid into this fund for old age security.

Carpenters interested in finding out the amount they have been credited with may ask for a post card at the union offices.

The carpenter overalls situation is showing improvement, Harter reports. A local store has notified

New York City The "little fellow" is entering business in large numbers and over three-fourths of the wartime decline in the total number of firms has been recovered, the National Industrial Conference Board points out in its analysis of business integration and concentration which has just been released. "It seems probable," according to the report, "that the number of firms may exceed the pre-war high by as many as from 300,000 to 500,000 concerns."

Dangerous Exposure

SUITOR: Your daughter has promised to become my wife.

FATHER: Well don't come to me for sympathy; I knew something like that would happen with you hanging around here five nights a week.

From a classified ad in Los Angeles (where anything can happen): "Situations open for soda engineers (formerly known as drug store cowboys or soda jerkers)."

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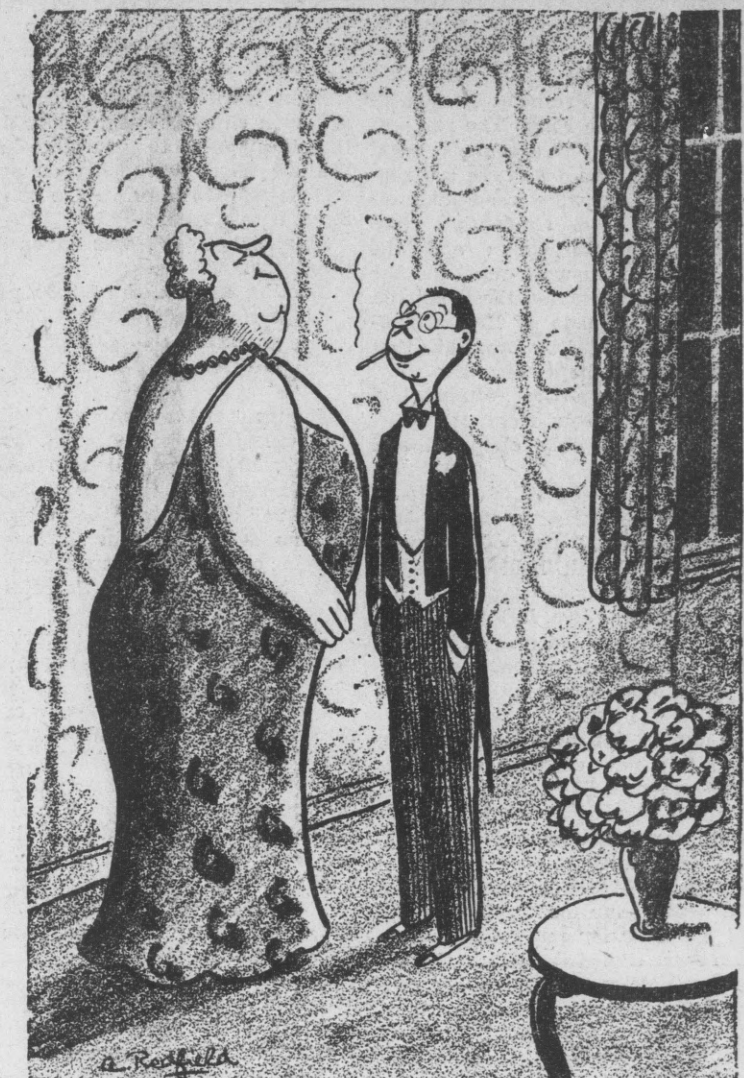
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WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890—Meets 1st Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St. Phone 4895. Pres., Albert A. Harris; Rec. Sec., Wm. G. Kenyon; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Andrade.

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—That more than two-thirds of all the teachers in our country have left the profession during the last six years, and that 100,000 "emergency" teachers (inadequately trained) were employed in our public schools at the close of the academic year 1945-46?

—That here in the United States we spend annually \$7 billion for liquor as against \$3 billion on education, and as against \$18 billion for a peacetime army and navy?

—That the average yearly salary of a teacher in the state of Mississippi is \$790, and that the average salary for a teacher in the whole country is \$1950?

—That the average annual earnings of industrial workers increased 56 per cent between 1944 and 1945, as against only 11 per cent for teachers?

—That, although the minimum for professional employees in the federal government is \$2640 and the average is \$4100, the average for teachers remains as the ridiculously low figure of \$1950?

—That teachers are leaving the profession in droves, and that unless we make teaching more attractive by raising living standards for instructors, we will head into an educational crisis?

LIBERTY MAG SAYS 'TIME' SMART-ALECK

New York City The looseness of the Luce publications came in for a blast from Liberty magazine here in a recent issue.

It isn't often the slick magazines sling mud at each other. They're usually too vulnerable to pitch the first punch. But Liberty loosed a long-needed blast at Henry Luce's slick, anti-labor 'Time and Life' magazines.

"Time magazine," said Liberty publisher Paul Hunter, "which purports to present news, prints much that is neither informative, constructive, nor factual. In short, much of it isn't news at all but merely journalistic exhibitionism or, more simply, smart-aleckness." Attacking 'Time's' "chronic inaccuracy," Hunter pointed out that "often Time is compelled to devote fully three-fourths of its letters column to the correction of past misstatements."

"Time," he said, "has demonstrated all too often the harm it can do through its preference for the poor pun and the snide wisecrack over straightforward factual reporting."

Denouncing the Bright Young Men who put out the Time and Life publications, Hunter declared: "No group of young men, no matter how bright, can have quite the Godlike qualities which Time allocates to itself. Nor can they speak for God, as Time's young men unhesitatingly presume to do on occasion."

Sober Observation

FIRST DRUNK: "Whassat sign say?"

SECOND SOUSE: "It sez, 'Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Dresses'."

FIRST DRUNK: "Well, it's about time. I'm sick of seel'n 'em in slacks."

New Names in Congress



Norman W. Collie, House storeroom clerk, sorts out door cards bearing the names of new Representatives to the 80th Congress. The first Republican House in 14 years is expected to try to amend labor's Magna Charta, the Wagner Act. But labor stands ready to meet the challenge. (Federated Pictures).

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